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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 90-21

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AFDC HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER 88-55  
ALL COUNTY LETTER 88-74  
MPP 44-211.5  
MPP 22-022

The purpose of this letter is to clarify and emphasize the notice of action requirements and the hearing rights of AFDC applicants and recipients as they relate to vendor payments, two-party checks, and restrictive endorsement checks issued as homeless assistance payments. It has come to our attention that some counties are not giving appropriate notice of action when converting recipients to these types of payment.

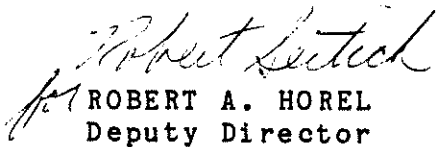
As you were informed in All County Letter 88-55 (June 7, 1988), the AFDC homeless assistance regulations were revised to permit a county to verify the expenditures of a homeless assistance payment MPP 44-211.513 (d). If an assistance unit (AU) is unable to verify that a homeless assistance payment is spent on shelter, a presumption of mismanagement exists (MPP 44-211.518 (a)). The county shall then make direct vendor payments, two-party checks, restrictive endorsement checks, or voucher payments (MPP 44-211.517 (a)).

All County Letter 88-74 (June 30, 1988) provided instructions concerning the notice language to use when informing a recipient of a change in the form of payment, i.e., from a direct cash payment to a third party payment.

The regulations at MPP 22-022.2 and .3 concerning adequate and timely notice were revised effective January 11, 1990. In situations when an AU mismanages a homeless assistance payment and requests additional payments, adequate (not timely) notice is required to inform the AU that subsequent homeless assistance payment(s) are to be issued in the form of third party payments. Due to the change in the form of payment, a recipient may file for a state hearing. However, any homeless assistance payments issued

to the recipient for the incident of homelessness are to be issued in the form of third party payments. The request for a state hearing is not cause to revert to issuing direct cash payments (MPP 22-022.31).

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Judy Moore at (916) 324-2017 or ATSS 454-2017.

  
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